

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

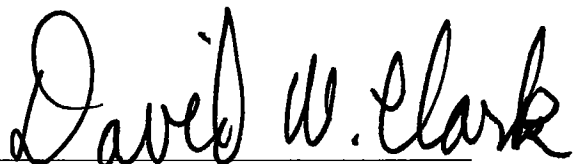
MATTHEW F. ABBOTT, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
-vs- ) NO: 08 C 642  
 )  
STARLINGER NORTH AMERICA, INC., )  
an Illinois Corporation, )  
MAPLAN MASCHINEN und TECHNISCHE )  
ANLAGEN PLANUNGS und FERTIGUNGS )  
Gesellschaft m.b.H, an Austrian company, and )  
STARLINGER & COMPANY Gesellschaft )  
m.b.H, an Austrian company, )  
 )  
Defendants. )

**STARLINGER & COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

NOW COMES the Defendant, STARLINGER & COMPANY Gesellschaft m.b.H, an Austrian Company, by and through its attorney, DAVID W. CLARK of PEREGRINE, STIME, NEWMAN, RITZMAN & BRUCKNER, LTD., and provides the following information to this Court:

1. Starlinger & Company GmbH-Austria owns 20% of Maschinen und Technische Anlagen Planungs und Fertigungs Gesellschaft m.b.H. an Austrian Company.
2. There is no corporate and/or business relationship between Starlinger & Company Gesellschaft m.b.H, an Austrian Company and Starlinger North America, Inc., an Illinois corporation.
3. Franz Starlinger Heleman GmbH owns 50% of Starlinger & Company Gesellschaft m.b.H, an Austrian Company.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2008.

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